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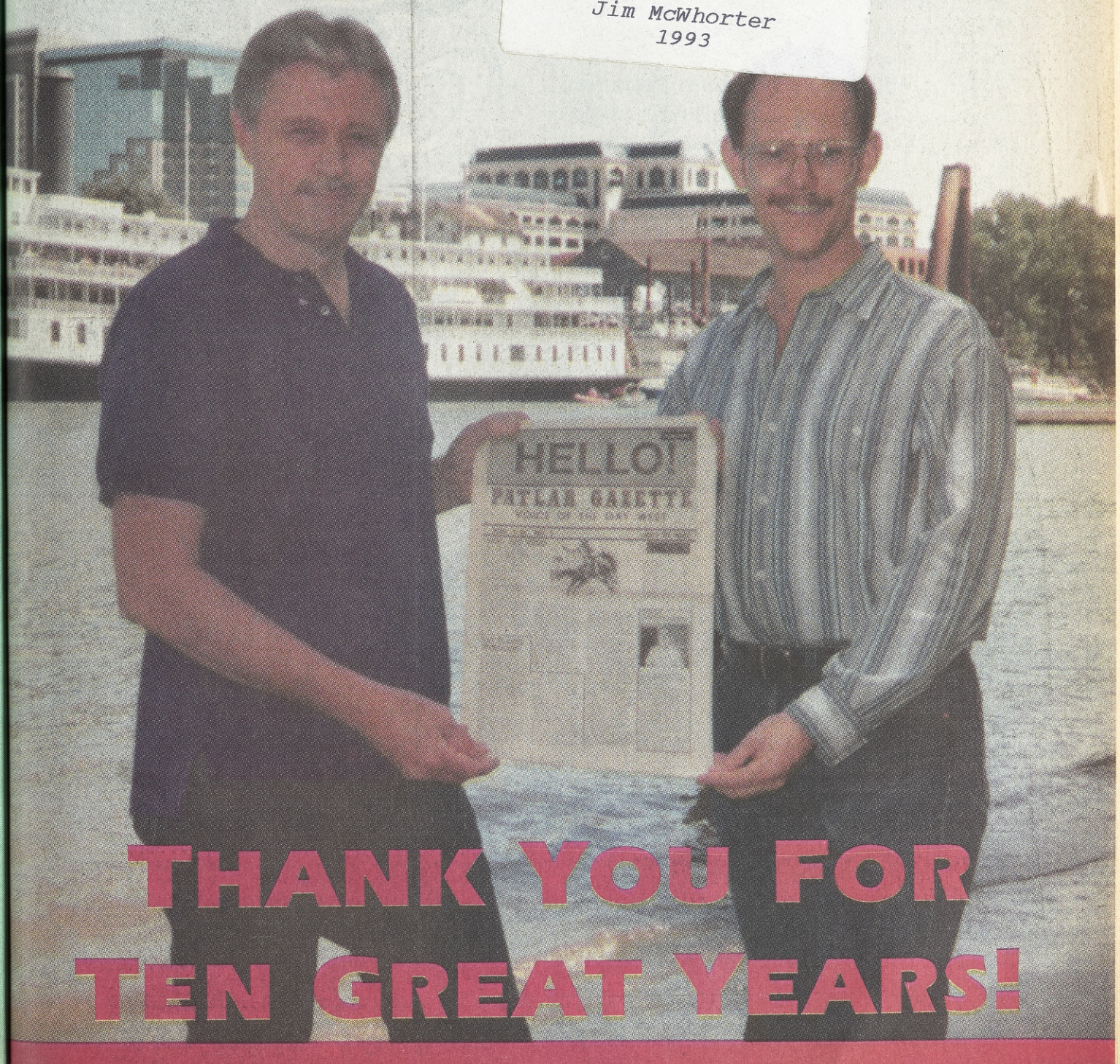

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Aloha,
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Editor in chief
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Dear Editor:

I am submitting the enclosed poem for publication on the poetry page of your magazine if you find it acceptable. I am a heterosexual male involved in a relationship with a woman who was the victim of physical and sexual abuse as a child and as an adult. Our discussions about her experiences have caused me to become more aware of the issue of violence against women in our society. In some small way, I hope I can help to change how our society thinks about and treats women.

Sincerely,
Scott P.

Editor's Note: PATLAR is pleased to publish this work; thank you for submitting it. Our poetry section starts on page 37.

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On the cover: PATLAR Publisher Larry Lanham and Editor Martin Casey hold a copy of PATLAR's debut issue from 1982 on the banks of the Sacramento River across from historic Old Sacramento.

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Dear Editor:

I would like to go on record in full support of pending SB 982 and other such bills that would make it a felony to knowingly expose another person to HIV. Unlike many other gay people I do not view such laws to be a form of government or police gay-bashing sanctioned by the state.

I will admit that I am very liberal when it comes to sexual behavior. But, I do believe that people who know that they are HIV positive owe it to their sex partners to tell them and/or use protection.

When it comes to addressing this problem, I do not favor any laws that could or would lead to discrimination in housing and rent against people for being HIV positive.

Sincerely,
David Raffield

Dear Larry,

Just a note to let you know how much I appreciated your help with AIDS Walk 92. It was so nice of you to run the second ad in the June issue.

We are finding that much of the success of the walk was due to monthly and bi-weekly publications. We had over 1,500 walkers and raised over $124,000. Please know that you contributed to this success!

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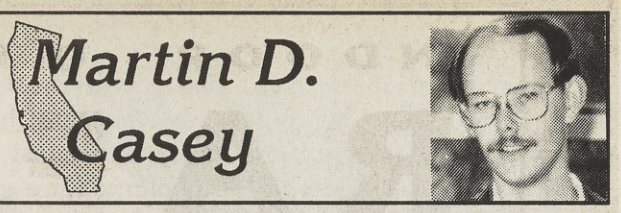

We've Come A Long Way!

Greetings! Welcome to our Tenth Anniversary Issue! In the past ten years PATLAR Magazine has grown from a local news gazette serving California's Central Valley to a magazine of commentary, information, and advice serving communities across the nation. We have seen our share of frantic deadlines, mangled copy, shoe-string finances, quirky advertisers, quirkier writers, and all the ups and downs one expects in a community paper. We have also seen tremendous growth in the political and social sophistication of our diverse community, the courageous response of our community to the HIV Epidemic, and the flowering of many great talents. We have been most privileged to serve you.

July 20th, 1982: our debut issue. Britain had just defeated Argentina in the Falklands War, and Princess Di was having her first child. The "Evil Empire" was ruled by Leonid Brezhnev. Israel had invaded Lebanon. Here in America, Reagan's "New Federalism" was just taking hold, and we had failed to ratify the Equal Rights Amendment by the June 30th deadline. And AIDS didn't even have a name yet.

Doesn't that seem astounding? CDC, AZT, PCP, MAI, DDI, KS, ARC, and all the rest of our medical alphabet soup hadn't even been heard of! The Challenger hadn't yet blown up, carrying Christa MacAuliffe and six others into their final frontier. Indira Gandhi hadn't yet been assassinated, and the Berlin Wall hadn't yet crumbled. Mikhail Gorbachev? Oliver North? Corazon Aquino? TienAnMen Square? Trump Plaza? Geraldine Ferraro? Dan Quayle? This decade has seen such triumphs, and such tragedy.

And yet, when PATLAR debuted, publishers Larry Lanham and Jim "Pat" McWhorter (PAT & LAR), with Editor James Weston, were able to articulate a guiding philosophy which still has meaning today – bring communities together, share information and news that people can use, and show what is best about our community.

Larry, writing in our Second Anniversary issue, had this to say, "I want to thank you for your support and to reflect on where we are headed. As we begin our third year, THE PATLAR will continue to

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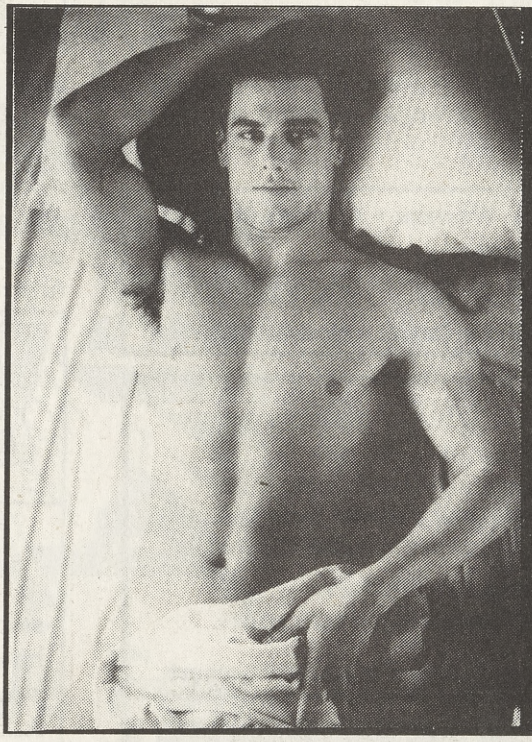

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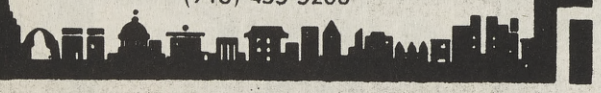

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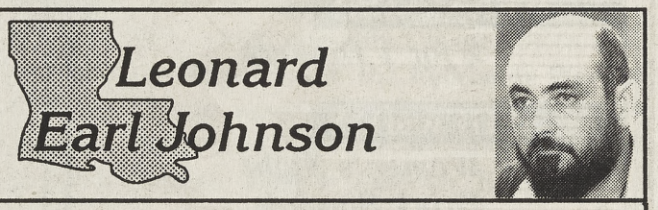

Congratulations

It is hard to fathom how life ticks away, one second at a time till before you know it a decade has passed. Surely some will comment on the similar age of both PATLAR magazine and the AIDS pandemic. The religious bigots would probably find a causal relationship, as would the opportunistic political right! But we know better, free expression spreads knowledge, understanding and hope.

PATLAR magazine has been a welcome source of information from the far islands and near states of our political union. I have personally enjoyed each issue and hope decades more are in the offing.

The Baby Boom Generation — which berthed many covers of the American gay press — is now in the 40-50 age bracket, and no longer willing to sit idly in the warm watering holes of youth. We stay home more, and we read more. A favorite magazine of mine is ... well ... you know: It's you, cher!

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Gay Plague Increasing

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The incidence of the diseases first increased among men in the gay community. Now straight men as well as women are increasingly involved. The dramatic increase in the diseases is not merely attributable to the better reporting of cases. There has been a 50 percent increase of cases reported in the last three months to the Center for Disease Control in Atlanta. Since 1981 there have been 413 cases reported. A spokesperson at the Center stated that four out of 10 victims die.The diseases are expected to increase.▼

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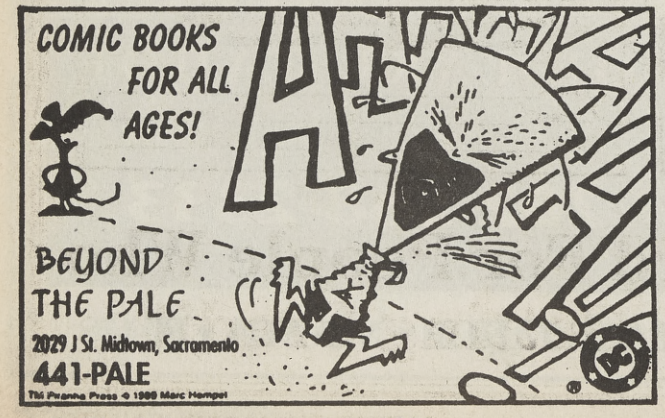

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Views from River City by Ernie Brown

First of all, I would like to extend our community's heartiest welcome to all out-of-town guests who are visiting us for the "Sacto Invitational Softball Meet" that will take place this July 4th weekend. We will have guests from LA, Portland, SF, Seattle, Vancouver, & The Valley. It's going to be a biggy, so don't miss our own gay softball tournament which will start Sat. July 2 at the the O'Neil Field located at Fifth & X Sts. Opening ceremonies start at 9 am. There will be a lot activities going on around town. For one thing, THE MERCANTILE will be open July Fourth weekend. Sat.. Sun.. & Mon. mornings at 8 am for the convenience of our out-of-town guests. Bloody Marys & Screwdrivers will be the specialties from 8 to 10 am, for only 75 cents ... ANA MARIE'S will be open three days over the holidays. Friday night, anyone who comes in wearing red, white, & blue will receive his/her first drink free. Sat. night they will have fun, prizes, & surprises, Sunday starting at 2 pm they will have a barbeque, chicken with salad & relish condiments. That's the way to go ... During the next month, contestants for Mr. Cowboy, Ms. Cowgirl, & Miss Cowgirl will be going in & out of bars asking for donations. The one who collects the most money for each of the three categories above will win that title. The money you contribute will go to very good causes:. the Sacto. Aids K/S Foundation & MDA (Muscular Distrophy Association). The contestants will be competing for the national titles at the Gay Rodeo in Reno. So let's get in there help them bring these titles back to Sacramento. Good luck you guys...By the time you read this, BoJangles should be open with a brand new concept in watering holes. Wait until you see it! Congratulations, Terry Sidee...There will be a "July Fourth Benefit" at the MERCANTILE. Raffling starts at 12 noon. There will be auctions, barbeque, in-town & out-of-town entertainment throughout the day, costume contest. bingo at 8 pm. All proceeds go to Sacto. Aids/KS Foundation & The Special Olympics. Sounds like a fun event. Support it. It's for a good cause...The BROADWAY LTD. is still turning out those beautiful brunches Sundays, and dinners on Thur., Fri., and Sat. nights...For a nice,

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The new Hartsfield International Airport is the second busiest in the world, and it is huge. It is so big in fact that exasperated Southerners joke "When I die and go to heaven, I know I'll have to change planes in Atlanta." The everchanging city is now hard at work on MARTA, the ultra-luxurious rail and subway rapid transit system scheduled to open sometime before the end of this decade. They can use it because on the rare times it snows in the deep south, the freeways become an impassable combat zone. I will never forget a couple of years ago when it took me six hours to make it from the airport to my motel...and I never did find the buried snow mound that had been my rental car. I just hope Hertz did.

Unfortunately, during the Civil War, General Sherman's Union forces virtually razed the city during the Battle of Atlanta. You can still see one of the old gas street lamps with a cannon ball hole clear through it.

Points of interest include Cyclorama, Peachtree Center, Georgia Tech, Six Flags Over Atlanta, Gone With the Wind Museum, State Capitol, Martin Luther King, Jr. Historic Area, the Fabulous Fox Theatre, and Stone Mountain—the Mount Rushmore of the South. Atlanta's chief booster is the flamboyant sportsman Tim Turner, who owns the Braves, Falcons and Super Station WTBS.

Atlanta's hot bars can swing 24 hours if you know where to go. Legally they close at 4 am Sunday through Friday and one hour earlier on Saturday nights. Nearly every place is busy on weekends, but here are a few pointers for other times. Bulldog & Co., a leather and western cruise bar at 893 Peachtree St. N.E., is packed most any night. The Armory at 6th and Juniper is the hottest weekday

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Gallus, at 49 6th St. N.E., is my favorite gay restaurant in Atlanta. Its several floors include an elegant new bar with piano entertainment on top. Their basement bar, off Cypress, is very different from upstairs. It is loaded, from the cocktail hour on, with the best-looking "Midnight Cowboys" in the South. Other popular gay restaurants include the Prince George Inn next to the Armory, and Toolulah's for the ladies. Crazy Ray's is good for Sunday brunch, and for mixed dining try Dusty's Barbecue, Dunk 'n' Dine (open late),Peach Streetery, Pleasant Peasant and Plum Nelly's for hamburgers and lunch. If you want to dress and splurge, for good straight dining I can recommend the St. Abbey, Ambassador, Aunt Fanny's Cabin (good ol' southern), Diplomat, Midnight Sun, Nikolai's Roof or the Sun Dial.

The Pharr Library at 550 Pharr Road N.E. is a must for hot-looking preppies and young business types. They have a great cocktail hour and a small disco too. Back Street is a super disco off the same parking lot as the Armory. It is mobbed weekends, but don't expect much during the week. The once fabulous Limelight is 90% straight and no longer has its Sunday T-dance. Blacks like the Inn Between. The Onyx at 600 Ponce de Leon has good male revues, and across the street is a promising new leather bar, the Stud, at 567 Ponce de Leon. Texas Drilling Co., at Highland and Virginia, is a downstairs neighborhood leather bar. The Supply House (a leather boutique) has a shop there and also at the Onyx. Believe it or not, the late, great P's is now the 551, a neighborhood bar and deli. The Bar on Peachtree, at 1018 Peachtree St., is new, friendly and cruisy.

Although there are no gay hotels, many visitors stay at the Flex or the York. For years I have stayed at the Hyatt Riviera, which is now the Ramada Inn Central. The C.B.C.'s Club Atlanta at 76 4th St. N.W. is the busiest bath in town, but some like the Locker Room. Atlanta's once notorious bookstores are all closed, but for serious gay literature visit Christopher's Kind at 70 13th St. N.E. Cruise, David and Nite Scene are local publications covering the Atlanta area. The Hotlanta Raft Race on the Chattahoochee River is a major annual gay event held about the first week in August. Many parties and special events are held at the various clubs. For info contact NGAW, PO Box 7606, Atlanta, GA 30357.

Don't expect to see Miss Scarlet sashaying down P-Tree St. in her finest southern belle fashions, or a velvet-coated, ascot-tied Rhett Butler casually leaning against the local bar.

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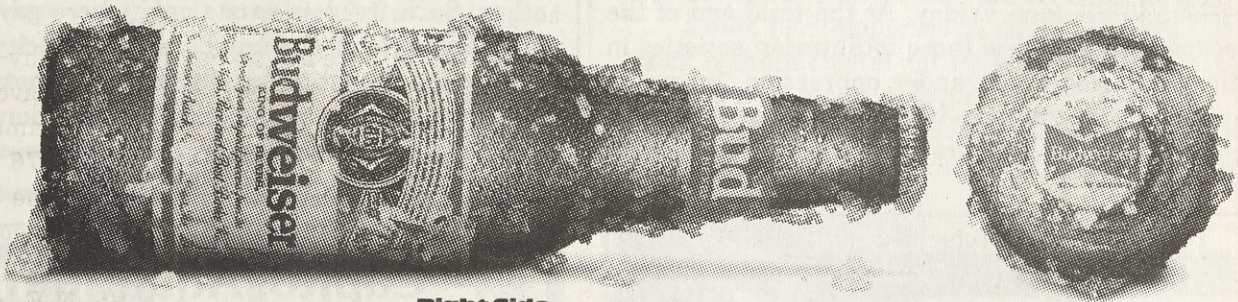

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1985 JULY

Soundings by Adam Du Monde

To Be Free

Two quotes come to mind as we celebrate our nation's independence this month.

One is from the late and brilliant, but working class, San Franciscan Eric Hoffer who observed:

"The basic test of freedom is perhaps less in what we are free to do than in what we are free not to do."

The late Bertrand Russell, patrician scholar and philosopher, provides this expansion on the Hoffer theme:

"The freedom we should seek is not the right to oppress others, but the right to live as we choose and think as we choose where our doing so does not prevent others from doing likewise."

Longshoreman Hoffer and Lord Russell share a common theme as each recognizes that total freedom for the individual does not exist unless such a person lives totally alone on an island, untouched by others. Even Robinson Crusoe had to make concessions to his man Friday. At the total end of the freedom yardstick are those totalitarian societies in which the people live under oppression, including that in which. they are brainwashed to mirror the thoughts of their masters and carry out their wishes.

The United States in the late 20th Century falls somewhere between the two extremes: total freedom does not exist for anyone, nor does oppression touch everyone equally.

We do have governmental as well as societal oppression. No homosexual person, for example, is as free as a straight person. No gay or lesbian person has yet to enjoy the full benefits of freedom as do many of our straight brothers and sisters. By their sheer numbers, they are in control. Whatever rights we gain, we gain through pain and suffering; through protest appropriately aimed and carried out; through our humanity and strength of purpose.

All of us know societal oppression An example: During late spring, a male friend and I strolled down a public beach in one of the most beautiful communities in this country. Straight lovers could kiss, embrace, and walk hand in hand or clutched side to side without anyone paying anything other than passing, soon-to-be forgotten attention. Had we done the same, we would have been subjected to cat-calls at the very least, and during this era of fagbashing, possibly bodily harm or worse. There is no law or regulation which forbids two men or two women from strolling the beach, or other public places for that matter, in the same manner as two straight lovers would. But, society more often than not denies lesbians and gays the right to express, safely, in what would otherwise be acceptable public behavior for straight, love and affection for one another. Such freedom exists only where gay and lesbian people have the numbers and tenacity to overwhelm the straight majority. Even so, most of them hold us either in hatred, scorn, misunderstanding, ant what is some- times worse, patronizing "acceptance."

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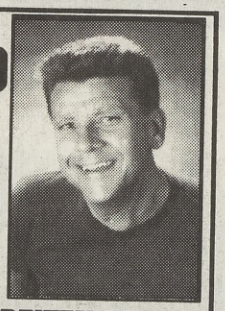
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We all know the elusive struggle to gain the still-denied freedom other citizens enjoy in the employment marketplace; this is, to be hired for our talents and abilities, promoted on the basis of our accomplishments, and when terminated, done so for the same reasons others would lose their jobs.

In California, when Democrats held the legislature and the governorship, no gay-rights job bill was passed. They were afraid of voter reaction if such a law would have been placed on the books. One wonders if some of the lawmakers who voted for the gay-rights legislation in California last year dif so because they knew that it would probably be vetoed by the Governor. It was. On one hand, lawmakers could tell gay and lesbian people about support for their cause. Some could also sigh with relief that they did not have to be accountable for ultimate enactment of a law that could come to haunt them by the hate mongers in our society.

The gay and lesbian people whom I know want the freedom that straights enjoy, not necessarily to ape every aspect of straight society. What we do, so long as it causes no harm nor restricts others from enjoying their own freedom, is not only our business, it is our right.

Yes, let freedom ring for all in this nation. For as American journalist William Allen White observed correctly: "Liberty is the one thing you can't have unless you give it to others." For as long as gays, lesbians, blacks, Asians, the poor, and so many others are denied freedom, those who oppress will remain bound also by their own chains of hate and ignorance. In a way, the joke is on them.▼

1986
OCTOBER

Letters from the Farm by Lee Lawrence

We did it again! We gave a city fella a weekend he'll never forget.

When Bill arrived all he wanted was some "peace and quiet," so he spent his first day just unwinding and relaxing. The next morning when I went back to feed the horses, I knew something was wrong even before I got to the barn. Trail Pig didn't come to greet me snorting her usual, "Where's my breakfast" She likes to stay with her horse friends, and that's how she got her name. She's traveled on more trail rides over the Clinch Mountain than the Indians. She was in her pen and did not look 100%.

"TP, you look awful, what's the matter" I felt her forehead and it was hot. Not warm. I mean hot!

She looked up with her big, beautiful brown eyes now showing obvious discomfort, "I don't know...I feel like...terrible." She moaned. There she was in the presence of a bucket of cantalope rinds, eggshells, table scraps, and over- ripe vegetables — a veritable porcine gourmet pigout — and she couldn't have cared less.

I took her temperature. Anytime a pig lets you stick a thermometer up its butt, you are obviously dealing with a very sick pig. The mercury shot up to 107! Wow, Trail Pig is cooking from the inside out!

I raced back to the house and pulled Bill out of

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his reverie. He was sitting on the porch swing watching his toenails grow. "Bill, Trail Pig is sick. We've got to help her. I'll call the vet."

"OK, pardner, y'all jest tell me what t'do and ah'll do ma best." Oh, Geez, another city feller gone country overnight.

"Hey, Doc, my pig is sick. Her temp is about 107, and that's only because my thermometer won't go any higher. What do I do?"

"First, get her temperature down. Pour buckets of water over her ... give her a shot of antibiotics and get some bute into her. Mash up a tablet and mix it with honey and get it in her mouth."

Sounded simple enough." Let's go, Bill. We've got our work cut out for us."

TP watched while Bill and I went to get water. I straddled the creek in order to dip out the water. Bill bent over to hold out the bucket. Simultaneously, my feet slipped in the water; I grabbed for the metal bucket and his butt hit the electric fence. You wanna see two dudes lose their 'butch'? Talk about screaming queens! You do not want to hear what we said to one another then. Well, maybe you do. But you ain't gonna.

Bill refused to go anywhere near the creek after that, so it was his job to wet down the pig. Here was a guy who had never been closer to a pig than a BLT on wholewheat toast chasing around a pen trying to pour water on TP's back. The ground got muddier with each bucket, and at one point he looked down at his imported Italian loafers now half submerged, and I do believe there were tears in his eyes.

Many buckets later TP's temp was down, and it was time to get the bute in her.

"How do you get a pig to take its medicine?" he asked innocently.

"How the hell do I know?"

I put the medicine mixture in a big syringe and tried to get her to open her dainty mouth. Definitely one of my dumber moves.

"I know, I'll put a rope in her mouth and pull it open; and when I do, you squirt it in." (Bill didn't look toooo enthusiastic, but he was game.) Let me tell you here and now: That was easier said than done. Pigs just don't go "ahhh" on command.

Round and round we went Finally, by yanking an ear I got her to open her mouth wide enough to get the rope in. We went around few more times, and then I pulled upwards. Trail Pig went up on her hind legs; and the next thing I knew we were dancing. I'm not kidding! That 200-pound pig and I spun around the pen like contestants in an American Bandstand contest."

"Squirt it in, squirt it in!"

As Bill neared, Trail Pig let out with a squawl that sent all 6'7" of him against the far wall. I don't know which gaped wider, his mouth or his eyes. On the next spin, I grabbed the syringe and managed to squirt it in before she bit down and mashed that sucker to bits.

By the next day, TP was feeling much better, but Bill looked like hell.

"What's the matter?"

"I don't know ... I feel like terrible. I think I've got a fever."

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"Here, take your temperature."

Bill put the thermometer under his tongue and sat back to await the results. Speaking around the tube in his mouth, he said jokingly, "Maybe I've got what the pig had." Then he asked, "Hey, where did you get this thermometer."

"From my pocket. Why?"

"This can't be the same thermometer you rammed up that pig's ass? Tell me it isn't. PLEASE!"

"OK. It isn't."

It's times like this that the best thing you can do for a friend is to reassure him; besides, the day before I'd carefully wiped the damn thermometer off on my sleeve.

By the time Bill left, he was feeling fine. Trail Pig was doing great, and I'd made a note to remember to buy at least one more thermometer.

1987 JULY

Parents in A Gay Bar?
by Ann Muller

A formal invitation on heavy white paper came some years ago to Herman and me. We were invited to a late summer event called The Annual White Party. I borrowed a white purse and with the exception of our shoes, we went dressed all in white. Not knowing any better, we arrived at the popular bar where the party was being held soon after the invitation said the fun would start; we were some of the first guests.

Our literal understanding of the starting time, however, was not the only thing that set us apart from the other guests. As time passed and the bar filled, Herman and I stood out not only as older than most but as the token heterosexual couple of the evening. Friends seemed first surprised, then pleased, to see us. Those who didn't know us watched us questioningly.

One pleasant young man asked me to dance, an invitation that further exaggerated my state of difference. Not only was I then the only middle-aged woman on the dance floor but the most inept dancer on the dance floor. The music pulsated. The lights flashed. The white-clad bodies moved rhythmically, erotically. Except for one. Near the end of the first number, my dance partner leaned toward me and asked what had to be one the most appropriate questions of all time. In perfect seriousness, he inquired of me, "Are you straight?"

That White Party wasn't, nevertheless, Herman's and my first visit to a gay bar. The first time we'd gone with several other parents under the aegis of a Parents FLAG group and were welcomed by the bar's owner and emcee. Jason was with us that night, although he didn't sit with us. I remember a sense of being watched. And of watching. It was the first time I saw two men kiss A woman came to sit by me and during floor-show intermissions told me the story of her parents' reaction to her coming out.

I thoughts of those earlier experiences recently when Herman and I attended a large trade show of booksellers in Washington, D. C . We went at the invitation of Naiad Press to promote my newly released book. Part of the promotion was an invitation

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to a cocktail party hosted by a gay bookstore and several gay publishers including Naiad. The party, which took place in a gay bar, was good fun. We met a number of interesting people, drank a little, smiled a lot, and left before the dancing started.

That most recent experience in a gay bar, however, was anti-climatical to the experience of getting to the bar. Earlier in the evening, after dinner, we'd gone out on the street to hail a taxi. Herman gave the driver the name and address of the bar. There was no response from the front seat as we started off.

Several blocks down the street, the driver asked, "What is this place where you're going?" One of us answered, "It's a bar."

The driver's silence again lasted through three or four intersections as he undoubtedly weighed the idea that we were dumb tourists against the smaller possibility that we knew where we were going. He obviously decided his first hunch was right because the next thing he said was, "I think that's a place were ***young*** people go." "Well," I laughed, "tonight the old folks are going too."

A few blocks further, the driver said in a careful tone, "Some pretty strange folks go to that place." Herman's response was, "We're meeting friends there."

As we pulled up in front of the bar, our driver made on last attempt by saying. "If you need a cab back to town, just call." We figured he probably then circled the block to make sure we didn't turn tail and run back out.

Admittedly, the idea of parents spending the evening in a gay bar is bizarre. In truth, the idea of Herman and me spending an evening in ***any*** bar is bizarre We're too busy most evenings napping in front of the television set.

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Gay History
by Terry Boughner, Ph.D.

In previous chapters, I have concentrated on biographies of gay men and women. But, given the on-going debate over whether or not gays belong in the military, I would like to change the format a bit and tell the story of the Sacred Band.

In 404 B.C., the 30-year struggle between the Greek city states of Athens and Sparta known as the Peloponnesian War was finally at an end. Athens lay in defeat while Sparta saddled the land with highhanded brutality that brought her the hatred of all Greece. The Spartans established garrisons, abolished democracy, ruled through puppets and took of the people's wealth what they would.

Tiny Thebes, a city to the north of Athens and a former Athenian ally in the war, was occupied like the others. But, according to the Roman author, Plutarch, there were two young men there who were determined to restore freedom to their city. As Plutarch tells it, their name's were Epaminondas and Pelopides and, with the ease of ancient writers in such matters, he says that they were lovers.

The two young men laid their plans, gathered supporters, of which there was no lack, and in 378 B.C., kicked the Spartans out. Thebes was free once more.

But freedom once won must be secured. No one

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was under any illusion that Sparta was going to take this affront to her power with good grace. The Spartans were sure to be back, bringing with them the army which was the most feared fighting machine in Greece.

To meet this threat, Epaminondas constructed the "Sacred Band," called that because Plato had said that love between two men was sacred.

The Band was composed of 150 couples. Each pair was required to swear their eternal love and commitment before all of Thebes.

In the heat of a July day, 371 B.C., on the battlefield of Leuctra, the mighty Spartan's led by King Kleombrotos met the Thebans. In the Theban center stood the Sacred Band The Spartans advanced across the dusty field. The Band watched and then began to move, slowly at first, then faster until they crashed into the enemy as one man.

When it was over, the Spartan King Kleombrotos lay dead upon the field, his army killed or scattered. Thebes was securely free, and all because of a military unit of gay men.

The Band did not come away without losses. Plutarch says that 22 pairs were killed. However, they were quickly replaced "Members of the Sacred Band," Pelopidas is reported to have ruled, "must not be addicted to the love or us of women but only to each other." And so it would be for nearly 30 years as the Band made of Thebes the most powerful city-state in all Greece

Yet, even as Thebes stood triumphant, the seeds of destruction were there. One of the states that Thebe s dominated was Macedonia. To assure Sparta's good behavior, Thebes demanded hostages and one of these was the 14-year-old Phillip who one day would be king of Macedon and father of Alexander the Great. During his stay in Thebes, Phillip got to know Epaminondas and Pelopides well and through them, it was said, he came to understand the Sacred Band.

Phillip had dreams of empire to be built of the ruins of Persia. When he returned home to Macedon, he set about to accomplish that ambition. He amassed gold, built an army, and around his son, Alexander and Alexander's lover, Haephestion, Phillip created the "Cavalry of Companions" which was modeled on the Sacred Band of Thebes.

Phillip's plans were seen as threats by Thebes and many other Greek cities. For his part, Phillip realized that he could not occupy Asia if his rear was not secure. Therefore, before Persia, there must be war with Thebes, Athens, and their allies.

In 338 B.C. Phillip, leading the Macedonian army, marched south. His force was large, some say 30,000. Thebes could not field about half that number.

Thus it came to pass for the only time in history, a band of gay lovers faced another band of gay lovers in a battle from which there could be no retreat and no surrender. The shape of the modern world depended on the outcome.

In the end, the outcome was decided by two factors, one of which was certainly the genius of Alexander and the other, superior weaponry that Phillip had bought.

In the face of these two things, the Sacred Band was pushed back. After grouping and regrouping, finally, the Sacred Band held its last stand upon a small hill where, as evening came, they were slaughtered to a man.

When Phillip arrived on the scene, he looked out over the carnage and wept openly. "Perish any man," he said, "who says that these men did or suffered anything that was base." Then he ordered that they be accorded the honors of war and be buried where they had fallen, in pairs as they had lived.

Today on that hill where the Sacred Band fought and died and lie together in their graves, there sits a marble lion, proud, sitting tall with bared teeth and a defiant cast to its eyes. At some little distance, there is a half circle of cypress trees planted in even numbers.

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In My Opinion
by Mel Dahl

I never thought I would use my column to do a book review, but I have just finished perhaps an incredibly moving book. Peter Irons' *The Courage of Their Convictions* (The Free Press 1988) ought to be read by everyone, gay or straight, who believes there are some parts of one's life not open to the moralizing and scrutiny of other people.

The book is the story of individuals who believed in something so strongly that they took it to the Supreme Court. Written by an attorney who spent part of the Vietnam era in a federal prison for refusing to be part of an unjust war, it consists of fascinating stores of real people who did what they thought was right at great expense themselves. Lillian Gobitis was a Pennsylvania teenager who was expelled from public school for refusing o recite a flag salute that offended her religious beliefs. Mary Beth Tinker was an Iowa schoolgirl who was disciplined for wearing a black armband to school to protest the Vietnam War. Barbar Elfbrandt was a public school teacher in Arizona who taught without pay because the law forbade paying teachers who refused to sign McCarthy era loyalty oaths, and such an oath violated Elfbrandt's Quaker beliefs. Michael Hardwick was a homosexual in Atlanta into whose bedroom the police burst one day to arrest him for violating a sodomy statute.

There is good news and bad news. On the one hand, one can no longer be expelled from school for refusing to say words one considers offensive, and public school teachers can no longer be economically punished for refusing to violate their deeply held religious beliefs. There is also bad news: the State of Georgia can still send people to prison for having sex with an orifice not government approved. But that is not the point.

Two things struck me as I read *The Courage of Their Convictions*. One was the incredible amount of distance we have travelled. There is story of a black family to whose home the police came one morning with eviction orders. Blacks were not allowed to live in that neighborhood. They are now, thanks to the courage of a stubborn black family that refused to budge. Time was when the punishment for atheism was forced induction into the army; the Daniel Seeger case changed that. Dan Seeger isn't even an atheist; he simply believes that his faith is nobody else's darned business and he refused to discuss the matter with government officials.

The second thing that struck me about the book was the power of ordinary people to halt injustice by refusing to go along with it. None of the character's in these dramas was rich or famous or particularly brilliant; they were all ordinary people with an extraordinary sense of right and wrong. Susan Epperson was just a high school biology teacher in Little Rock, Arkansas who found herself unable to teach properly due to a state law which forbade the teaching of evolution. Elmer Gertz was an attorney in Chicago who decided he would not allow the John Birch Society to libel him and get away with it. Ishmael Jaffree was a father in Mobile, Alabama who decided his children were not going to public schools to be taught religion. Thanks to their willingness to fight, Arkansas teachers can now teach science, the John Birch Society has pretty much folded, and Ishmael Jaffree's children learn religion in a home instead of at school.

Some of the battles described in the book are not over. Lloyd Barenblatt was sentenced to prison for refusing to discuss his political views with the House Un-American Activities Committee; the Supreme Court upheld the conviction and sentence.

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The Committee has since been abolished, but the precedent of sending Americans to jail for not disclosing their political beliefs remains on the books. Michael Hardwick lost in his bid to have sodomy statutes stricken from the statute books; his case sparked a massive grass roots effort to repeal those laws, an effort which will almost certainly be successful someday

Finally, this book is our story; the story of how a nation is slowly evolving. A century ago many of these cases would not even have been brought; that they have not only been brought, but a substantial number won, speaks volumes about the progress we as a nation have made toward tolerance and respect for individual rights.

Yes, we still have a long way to go in the struggle for justice, but we're closer than we were when we started, thanks to a handful of courageous people who stubbornly refused to cede their birthrights to the state. *The Courage of Their Convictions* is their story, but it is our story too.▼

1990 OCTOBER

Responsibility by Douglas Lewis

In Switzerland there is a ski slope. On a snowy day, the sky, the air and the ground are all white, and the only way you can see the way downhill is by following orange markers that are perched atop poles which are stuck into the snow. On either side of the slope there are cliffs. If you should ignore the makers, your descent would be swift -300-400 feet straight down where you would certainly meet a few scraggy rocks, and your maker, face to face. If this slope were in America, it would most likely be closed so that the family of the first person to wander over the side would not sue and eventually own the whole mountain. But this wouldn't occur to those brave souls skiing this trail in Europe. It's very clear to the Europeans partaking of their recreation that it is THEIR OWN RESPONSIBILITY to follow the markers and THEIR OWN RESPONSIBILITY to avoid certain death at the bottom of the ravine. In America, we don't want to take responsibility for our actions and our choices. Here, we sue and blame someone else for our misfortune .

At the Leaning Tower of Pisa, the children and adults who ascent the steps of this historic monument are RESPONSIBLE for their own safety - there are no guardrails to keep them from falling to a rough finish at its base. In America, the building would either be closed, or some unattractive set of bars would be installed to save Americans from themselves. Once again, Americans don't want to take responsibility for their own safety All a person has to do is slip and fall outside a store or a private residence and the owners of that particular real estate are sued for damages. Don't get me wrong: I firmly believe that if a person is injured due to some kind of negligence on the part of someone else, then the person responsible should be sued. But in the overwhelming majority of cases, a person who is injured could have taken RESPONSIBILITY upon themselves and avoided the situation completely. A little foresight and intelligence could go a long way.

But we, here in America, are suffering from the disease of IRRESPONSIBILITY. We send our young people and billions of dollars to a sun-baked country on the other side of the world to protect a fuel that we should not be relying upon in the first place. We blame Iraq for our own IRRESPONSIBILITY. If we had been responsible in the first place and had followed the lead of a President with more foresight than rhetoric (Jimmy Carter), we would not now be reliant upon oil from a part of the world that we have pillaged and which has many grievances against us as a nation. We stand in the full glow of ignorance of our own government's machinations towards the rest of the world and point our fingers accusingly at others and blame them for our woes.

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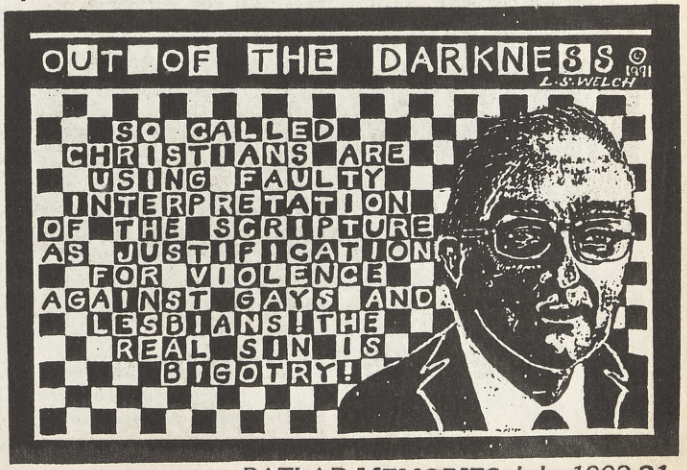
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WAKE UP AMERICA!! We are responsible for our present situation and no amount of bloodshed and hate-mongering toward the Arabs is going to change that simple fact or bring about some kind of peace and understanding to that part of the world or our own hearts. WE as separate but connected entities sharing one world must RESPONSIBILITY for each other and every action that we, as autonomous citizens, undertake. Every action has a reaction – remember that? And we cannot cover our heads and hide when the sequence of events that we are parts of gets out of control We must take RESPONSIBILITY for ourselves and for our deeds.

The problem is, we have few role models for our children to learn from regarding this issue. Blacks want to blame whites, gays want to blame straights, Jews want to blame Nazi's, the poor want to blame the rich, the Irish want to blame the English – the list is endless. The fact of the matter is, no one is going to be raised up from their particular station in life unless they do the pulling themselves, and the only way that is going to happen is if we take RESPONSIBILITY for ourselves. Our greatest role model here in America, our illustrious past President (Reagan), wouldn't stand up and take responsibility for his own actions. So what is the message we're sending to our youth? What is the message that Louis Farrakhan is sending black youth when he wants to be given a homeland in Africa instead of teaching young black kids how to take RESPONSIBILITY for themselves and to live with the diversity that is America? What is the message that Jesse Helms is sending when he wants to remove our precious right to take the RESPONSIBILITY for our own moral and aesthetic beliefs? It's no wonder that taking RESPONSIBILITY is on the wane in America; our very leaders are attempting to deny each and every one of us the capacity for doing so. But the only way that this is going to change in any functional and practical way is for every citizen to take the RESPONSIBILITY upon themselves and go out and DO something to regain our cultural integrity. Let your voice be heard in all of its accountability . Don't let patting yourself on the back when you do good suffice. Try taking responsibility for the bad that happens in your life (and community) and revel in the full flowering of your personal power as an aware and productive citizen of the planet.▼

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Daughter of a Lesbian
By Mary Smith

I have a 15 year old daughter named Jessica. She has been with me through my coming out, dating, an eight year relationship, and my political involvement in the lesbian and gay community. I have never lied to her about being a lesbian, and she has always tried to be loving, supportive, and understanding.

It hasn't always been easy for her, though. Her father, whom I married at 19 and divorced at 21, decided to sue for custody when Jessica was eight. At that time, we had been living with my lover for five years, and the custody suit was initiated by my request for an increase in child support and my refusal to continue to be blackmailed and intimidated by threats of a custody suit. I figured if I couldn't protect my own rights and those of my daughter, I wouldn't be much good to either one of us. He lost the custody suit. I never got an increase in child support (he had a "family" to support, and I didn't, so they said). It was worth it. He never tried to blackmail me again.

Jessica learned more than her share about bigotry and love by that experience and the events that followed. She became a victim of homophobia and prejudice at school as well as her father's home. There were kids whose families knew us and they

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gave her a really rough time. Jessica kept this from me for several years, choosing to deal with it on her own and spare me the insult. I wish she hadn't had to go through that pain all by herself. Perhaps she saw that there was nothing I could do about it, or maybe she just needed to learn to stand up for herself. At any rate, I found out about all of this after my lover and I split up. All the pain of a child living in a lesbian household came out then.

For all the years before that, I honestly believed that all I had to do was love her enough and teach her about the bigotry and hate in the world and everything would be okay. It wasn't okay. There are things I could have done to help her if I had known...maybe. Maybe it was a time in our lives when we both learned that hate and bigotry are often more powerful than love. Jessica was punished by her "friends" and by her father and stepmother because I am a lesbian. Nothing can change that fact.

Any loving parent knows how painful it can be to see her or his child suffer and be unable to take away the hurt. I considered going back in the closet to protect her, but I realized I would only be telling her that the bigots are right; that it is shameful to be a lesbian and we have to hide it. I have fought too hard for my own pride and dignity to give it up. So, Jessica decided to put herself in the closet, instead.

It makes for a difficult situation in our households. I am very involved in politics and very out. I speak about lesbian and gay lives for the Speaker's Bureau and hold positions in lesbian/gay organizations. And yet, in my own home, when my daughter has her boyfriend over or friends from schools, I feel I have to hide all of that because of her need to feel safe. I hurt for her—and for myself.

I have been talking to my daughter about how we might handle the situation if my current lover and I decide to live together. She likes my lover very much, but knows that she can't stay in the closet and have her live with us at the same time. It's too obvious. She thinks about "coming out" to her boyfriend and fears rejection if he knows her mother is a lesbian. We talk about what real love is and how it shouldn't matter and that, someday, she'll have to tell somebody. Unfortunately, that kind of logic doesn't work very well in matters of the heart.

I feel eventually she will get past this stage as she grows and matures. I fear she may reject me. It happens. However, I can only do the best I can and keep fighting for recognition and acceptance of lesbians and gay people. After all, I may have a lesbian or gay grandchild one day. And, I have to continue to love her unconditionally—no matter what she decides to do.

There is another point in this story, of course. I want to get a message to all the lesbian and gay people who are choosing to have children or who are thinking about it. Our love for children is not always enough to help them with their pain. It is essential, but it may not be enough. We need to start support groups for our kids (maybe there are some already out there?). We need to get into the schools and educate children, teachers, and administrators about these issues so they can be aware of how to help our children and put and end to bigotry in the schoolyard. We need to release ourselves for the shame of the closet so our children can feel as proud of us as we feel about ourselves.

If we love them, can we do any less?▼

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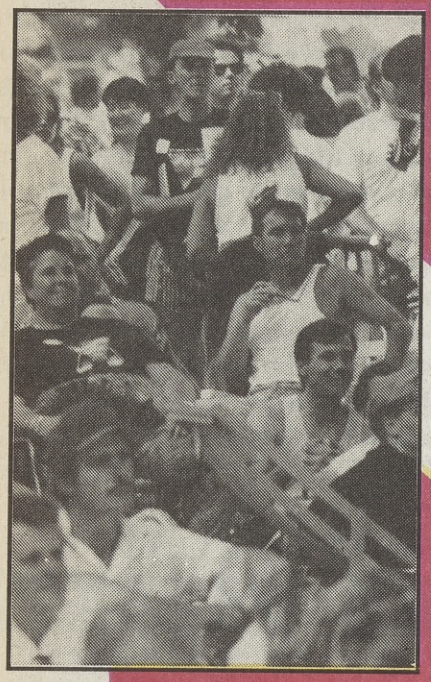

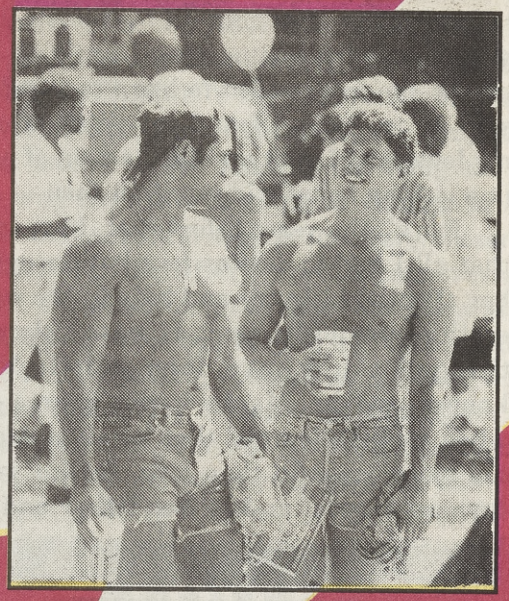

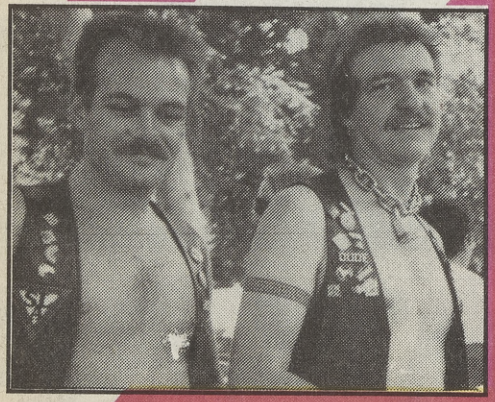

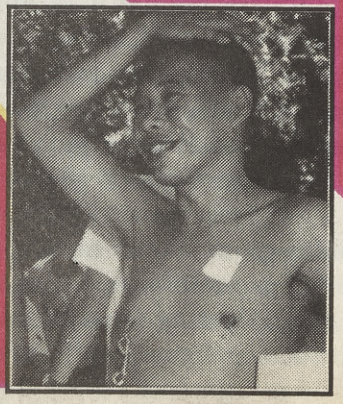

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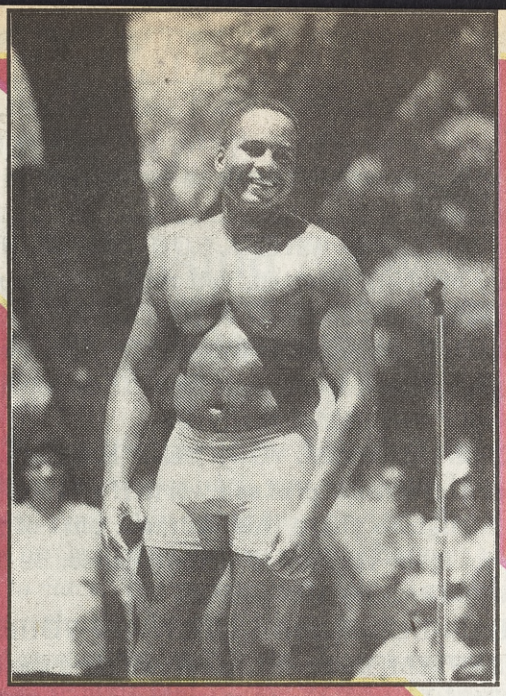

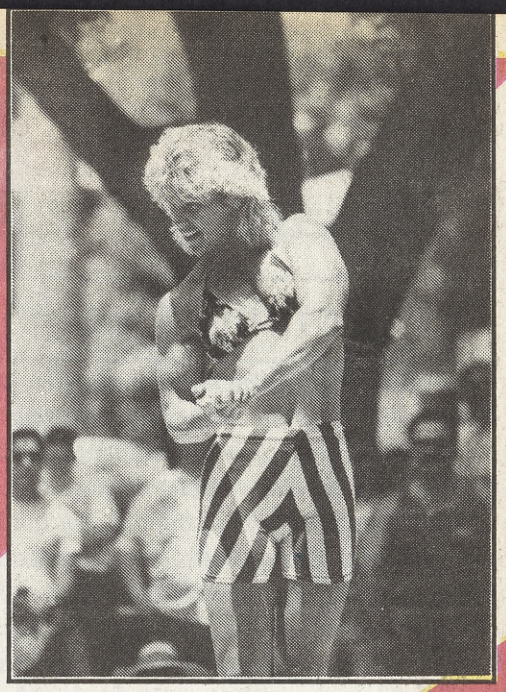

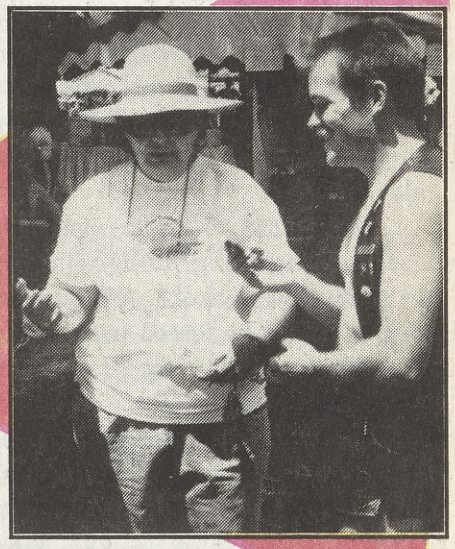

Marghe on ice

Merchant pride was a key to the success of the Lambda Fair.

Photos by Justin & Martin Casey

Michael Kearns

Coming Out HIV

Editor's Note: The following article by openly gay, openly HIV positive, critically acclaimed actor/writer Michael Kearns is part of an ongoing series of National Coming Out Day articles that address some of the many issues around coming out. An avid supporter of the National Come Out Campaign from the beginning, Kearns has contributed his words here to encourage people with HIV to take their next step. NCOD can be reached at PO Box 8270, Santa Fe, NM 87504. They depend on your financial support. Help out today!

It took me more than two years to screw up my courage but after I did it, I experienced profound freedom; I felt overwhelmingly empowered; I became fearless. After I did it, I re-connected, as if I'd been emotionally dangling, oddly disengaged. After I did it, I knew independence, indeed, but was far less alone.

After I did what, you ask? After walking on hot coals? Parachuting? Bungee jumping?

None of the above. After coming out publicly as a person who has tested positive for the HIV virus, I feel better. Better than I could have possibly have imagined.

"You're only as sick as your secrets", is one of my favorite expressions, lifted from a popular twelve step program. All lives comprise a dramatic series of coming outs; I came out gay, came out as a recovering alcoholic, came out as a person with HIV. Each of these events ultimately enhanced the quality of my life — no matter how traumatic it may have seemed experiencing them in the moment.

Since revealing my seropositive status, I've visited the temples and tombs of Egypt, performed my theatre work in Sydney, Australia, and acted on a segment of ABC's *Life Goes On*. More importantly, I have been energized by the depth of human spirit on a daily basis – whether through a longtime friendship or through a story I read about an anonymous stranger in the newspaper.

Here are ten reasons to come out as HIV positive:

1) YOU'LL STAND TALL. Being HIV positive is nothing to be ashamed of, period. But you won't be able to alleviate a sense of shame until you stand up for yourself. If you're crouching in the closet, you're confirming to yourself the negative publicity about being a person with HIV. When you come out, you are saying "I deserve to be counted; I deserve to be treated with respect; I deserve to be heard." Be part of the solution.

2) YOU'LL KNOW WHERE YOU STAND. If you are afraid of being rejected, you must ask yourself: Do you really want someone in your life who is incapable of loving you for what you are? If you're looking for acceptance, look to yourself first. Then you'll find out who your true friends really are.

3) YOU'LL INCREASE YOUR SELF ESTEEM. You are jeopardizing feelings of self worth if you don't feel worthy enough to share this intimate part of yourself. Do not allow yourself to be diminished. Be proud of the person you are, HIV and all.

4) YOU'LL DECREASE STRESS ON YOUR IMMUNE SYSTEM. Being dishonest (which is the same as avoiding the truth) will stress your precious immune system. Take care of yourself; by opening up, you are contributing to your well being.

5) YOU'LL MAKE NEW FRIENDS (AND/OR LOVERS). There are plenty of individuals out there more than willing to befriend you. Honesty is a personal virtue. People will be attracted to you because of your openness; being candid can be alluring, even sexy.

6) YOU'LL GET MORE HUGS. Physical connections are comforting, warming, energizing. You probably have no idea how lovable you are, how huggable.

7) YOU'LL SLEEP BETTER. Restlessness and sleeplessness are often the result of withholding. Once you've said it out loud, your ability to shut out those nagging voices keeping you awake, will improve. Sweet dreams await you.

8) YOU'LL HAVE MORE ENERGY TO DO IMPORTANT THINGS. Being deceptive takes considerable time, robbing you of valuable hours to pamper yourself, improve yourself, share yourself. No more time for bullshit - increase your stamina to pursue what's really important.

9) YOU'LL SET YOURSELF FREE. If you re hiding, you are probably bound to the constraints of a secret life, a double life. When you come out, you'll no longer have to lie, make excuses, avoid certain topics. You'll discover a newfound freedom.

10) YOU'LL BE MORE OF WHO YOU REALLY ARE. If you are HIV positive, it is part of your true self like the color of your hair, your sense of humor, your ethnicity. It's certainly not all you are but to deny it is to deny an important part of *yourself.*

Be brave, take a deep breath, and come out – wherever, whomever, and whatever you are – *including HIV positive.*

Kay Mehl Miller, PhD.

Talking It Over

Grief — A Restorative Process

Part 2

During the time of the funeral, if there are supportive people around, you are usually fine, even though you may be openly crying. People expect grief at this time, and so allow whatever rises up in you to come. Tears can be especially good for you. It seems that sighs and tears come from some very deep part of you, and if you d-o not repress this process, you will feel better as you go through this cleansing of your spirit.

After the funeral, when everyone returns to their own lives and leaves you with your grief, can be a very difficult time. Who will love you now? How can you rebuild your life? What about sex? Questions come tumbling out, and it is then that the pity for oneself arises to overwhelming proportions. You need help. Find someone to talk to and talk, and talk, and talk. Friends will get tired of hearing you, so when friends run out of patience with you, consider a therapist or a grief group. You need this process of being able to complain bitterly about your situation and then helped to come to a better perspective. It's as if your psychic wound is draining, and the collection of toxic debris needs to be cleaned and the bandages changed. There aren't many friends that will continually do this job for you, so again, if you are having a hard time with this stage, seek out a therapist or a grief group or both.

Another feeling that frequently pops up and surprises us is that we survived and our love didn't and that survival is wrong somehow. It's called survivor's guilt and is quite common, so if it happens to you, treat it as another stage of grief that is natural. Remember that death comes to all of us, and do not diminish the importance of your lover's death by lamenting that you should have taken his or her place. It simply wasn't your turn. It was his turn or her turn, so let your love have the dignity of his or her own passage from this life.

As you go through the grieving process, you may find yourself performing rituals that help you feel better. Writing to your lover may be a way to ease the transition of losing that close communication you may have had. Of course, when you finally realize that you have gotten it all out of your system and there are no longer answers from him or her, you will suddenly realize that you have accepted your loss and have moved on to a new life. Any ritual that helps ease the transition is okay.

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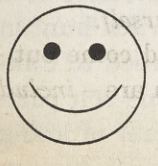

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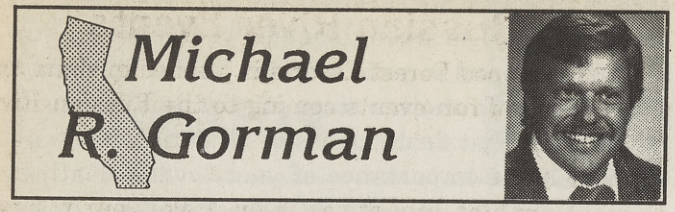

Parenting Against The Odds

Heterosexism is a formidable enemy. Our victories against it have usually been small and won with a great deal of time and self-sacrifice. Against such an intangible foe, perhaps our greatest weapon is our collective memory. If we can remind ourselves how far our small steps have taken us as a people, we will be able to recognize the potential of the work we do now. We must allow our history to be a source of strength in our present struggles. Because of past silence, whether chosen or imposed, we often have the extra burden of retrieving pieces of our history out of obscurity. It is a task well worth the effort.

One area of gay and lesbian experience that is often lost in the mist of time is gay parenting. It sometimes seems that gay and lesbian parents are a new phenornenon. Certainly the straight press sees them as such. But in this, too, we have a rich history. Too often, however, we make those who raised children in the oppressive secrecy before Stonewall feel ashamed to tell their stories in the light of the more "out" and "politically correct," and sometimes activist parenting of today.

It was not too many years ago that the reward for coming out of the closet was often internment in mental institution and horrific "cures." Until recently, no court in the land would knowingly have placed a child in the care of an "avowed homosexual," and many a gay parent lost custody of children on the other side of the closet door. Yet despite the odds against them, many gay and lesbian adults in the past found ways to express their natural desire to nurture and care for and protect their own children and the castoff children of straight parents who could no longer cope. The mainstream press would be amazed at the number of adults today who owe their emotional well-being to the parenting skills of gay "aunts" and "uncles," to say nothing of the biological mothers and fathers who chose to endure the ignominy of the closet for a few more years in order to see their children into adulthood.

We must remember these parent heroes. They are a source of hope and encouragement for those of us who continue to work for a freer society, as well as those who still struggle in more repressive parts of the world. Larry Lanham, the publisher of *PATLAR*, is, in my mind, one of these heroes. I recently had the opportunity to meet with Larry, and would like to tell you a small part of his story. He is a man who served his country in both Europe and Southeast Asia, and he was once decorated for having rescued a child from an oncoming tractor (a perfect metaphor for his later relationships with children). But his most enduring work has been quieter, in the loving guardianship of the young men he has parented.

Larry adopted his first child when he was still married to a woman, before he had come out to himself. He was in the US Air Force at the time. At Beale Air Force Base north of Sacramento, he met several gay men and finally came to terms with his sexuality. His wife divorced him and gained custody of his young son. Soon after, he was sent to Germany with a very high security clearance. The military discovered his sexuality through letters to a gay man at Beale, where there was a witch hunt in progress. He was discharged and returned to California where he continued parenting his son part-time. He kept his gayness hidden for fear of losing what time he had with his son. At age 17, his son

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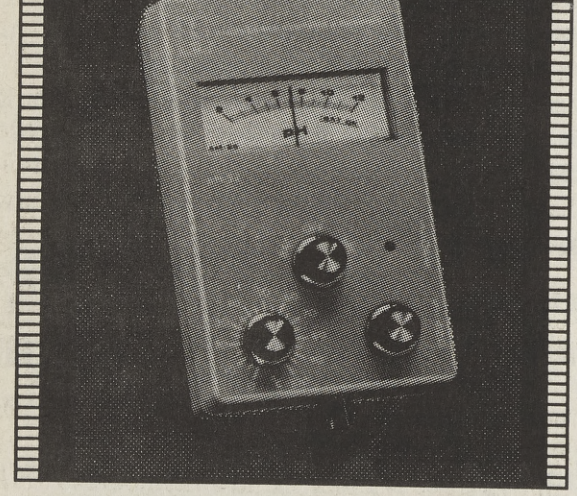

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told him that he had always known he was gay, and didn't care. He has since made Larry a very proud grandfather twice.

Ten years ago, Larry adopted his second child, a troubled boy of 14 who had run away from home. He chose to live with Larry rather than return to his mother and step-father or go to a boys' home. The boy's time with Larry was tempestuous at times, as he played out the frustrations built up over years. But Larry continued to offer his love. Because we in the gay and lesbian community know what it is like to be cast out for not conforming to others' expectations, we tend to be tenacious caregivers who are able to look below the surface of behavior to the tender soul below. Even when his son asked to be emancipated and learned some painful lessons on his own, Larry made himself available always as a source of stability and advice.

Larry is presently raising his third boy, this time a nephew from the Midwest who was having troubles at home. He had always felt a special bond with his uncle, and gladly agreed to come live in California. Larry is much more open with his nephew than he was able to be with his two sons when they were young, but the realities of family obligations and the Missouri court system still impose a closet on the family. His nephew, far from being a troubled youth now, is thriving in the security of his new home. Talk around the house moves from video games to girls to bikes to whether or not Larry has a boyfriend.

Parenting any child is a risk and a sacrifice, albeit one with incredible rewards, Parenting kids who have started life on a rough road is even more daunting a possibility that the hardship of living in an America that looked on gays and lesbians as criminals, mental patients or perverts, and the odds against successful parenting begin to seem insurmountable Yet again and again our elders, men and women like Larry. overcame their fears for the sake of the children and took on the Herculean task of parenting against the odds. They are the spiritual predecessors of all of us who are both living true to ourselves and sharing our love with our children. Like them, many of us stand below the cracks of society and catch the at-risk children who fall through, or we commit ourselves to raising our biological children with the open minds and accepting hearts that will be the survival of this planet. We do so against a backdrop of a history of the courage, conviction, strength and conditional love of those who came before. We should be proud — of ourselves, of them. They have my heartfelt gratitude and admiration Thank you, Larry.▼

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August 14

The Oak Ridge Boys performing at the Luther Burbank Center for the Performing Arts.

September 4,5,6 & 7

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September 12, 13

Russian River Jazz Festival. Make your reservations early at Sherwood Forest resort for this fun packed weekend.

September 25, 26

Woman's Weekend Two. Spend a quiet and relaxing weekend at the Russian River with that special someone.▼

Lesbian Candidate Wins Oregon Primary

Oregon State Representative Gail Shibley, the first and only openly lesbian member of the legislature, won the Democratic Party nomination with an overwhelming 87 percent margin over two primary opponents.

Targeted by the anti-gay Oregon Citizen's Alliance, Shibley said she was "stunned" by the strong turnout of voters and gratified by the level of support she received in the race to represent Oregon's 12th Legislative District. Shibley credited the Gay and Lesbian Victory Fund's members with helping her raise more than $12,000 for her campaign and help educate voters

Shibley faces a tough November election against a Republican challenger. She expects opposition from the OCA to increase, as members of the group have already made her sexual orientation a campaign issue, saying she is inappropriate role model for children.▼

Russian River Pride Fest

Guerneville hosted the firest ever Russian River Pride Fest on June 14th. Over 1,500 celebrants packed the festival, and County Supervisor Ernie Carpenter, below, welcomed the proud throng. $6,000 was raised for disbursement to three local charities.

Photos by Ed Murray

Prime Timers

Until August, 1987, little had been done to bring together, in a social situation, older men with Gay or Bisexual interests. All that changed with "Prime Timers." Starting in Boston, Woody Baldwin founded an organization that is dedicated to making life just as exciting for middle-aged and older gays as it is for the younger ones. There are now eleven chapters in the United States and Canada with others soon to be formed.

Activities may include dining out or pot luck dinners, theater outings, discussion groups, bowling, card games, sexually-oriented parties, trips, picnics, camping, etc. A general meeting is held monthly for socializing, enjoying light refreshments and listening to a program on an interesting and relevant subject.

Prime Timers is looking for persons to start new chapters. They have prepared a manual to ease the start-up process. If you or an acquaintance of yours is interested in starting a chapter in your community (or another community), please call (512) 282-2861 or write to: Prime Timers, International, P.O. Box 436, Manchaca, TX 78652.

Star Trek's Mixed Message

Star Trek: The Next Generation garnered mixed reviews for its March episode "The Outcast," in which the crew encountered an androgynous race. One of the aliens, Soren (Melinda Cullen), tells Commander Will Riker of being born with the feelings of a female. They fall in love but when their relationship is discovered Soren is put on trial and sentenced by her people to "psychotechnic" treatment.

On the one hand, Soren gave an impassioned speech saying "I am female. I was born that way...All of the loving things you do with each other, that is what we do. And for that we are called misfits and deviants and criminals." But in the end she is "cured," or maybe brainwashed, and rejects Riker. Many found the conclusion ambiguous and disturbing.

While there were elements to praise, no mention was made of gays or lesbians in the future or about anti-gay discrimination in Earth's past. Both would have been natural to mention.

Before his death, *Star Trek* creator Gene Roddenberry told *The Advocate* "In the fifth season ... viewers will see more of shipboard life including gay crew members in day-to-day circumstances." This didn't happen.

Ask for real gay characters next season by writing Rick Berman, Executive Producer, *Star Trek: The Next Generation*, Paramount Pictures, 5555 Melrose Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90038.

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Chico Pride Fest

The Stone Wall Alliance of Chico will sponsor the second annual Freedom Fest from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday, July 25th, in the Alumni Glen of the Cal State Chico campus. Call (916)343-8767 for information.

NorCal Leather News

Summer is full of news in the Northern California Leather community. First, Mr. San Francisco Leather, Lenny Broberg, led a field of 53 other contestants to capture the 1992 International Mr. Leather title over Memorial Day weekend in Chicago. Lenny Broberg was sponsored by the San Francisco Eagle (see IML photo). The 1992 contest has been dedicated to the memory of IML Co-founder and Chief Judge Dom Orejudos, and all others who have been lost to AIDS.

In Sacramento, the Sacramento Leather Association elected its 1992-93 Board of Directors at their June Meeting. New Co-Chairs are Ricci Encinas and Carolina, Treasurer is Adam Shea, Recording Secretary is Woodrow Asbel, Corresponding Secretary is Martin Casey, and Sergeant At Arms is Wes Patterson. The Sacramento Leather Association recently reached a major goal by gaining non-profit status with the state. The S.L.A. holds monthly meetings on the first Tuesday of the month at the Wreck Room.

Sacramento has a new Leather Daddy and Leather Daddy's Boy — Randy Carlyle and Mark Patel, respectively, chosen at a competition held at the Wreck Room on June 13th.

Graytier Productions will present the first "Mr. and Ms. Northern California Leather Contest" on August 1st, 7 p.m., at the Tuesday Club, 2722 L Street in Sacramento. Emcees will be Ms. Shan Carr, IMsL 1988 and Mr. Steve Lesh, Mr. Northern California Drummer 1989. Contact Randy Gray at (916) 983-2870 or Jolanne Tierney at (916) 489-JOJO for applications and further information.

Modesto gets into the act on Saturday, August 15th, with a Leather Nite sponsored by the Mustang Club, Leather Boy Ken, and S.L.U.G. (San Jose) at 413 7th Street, Modesto, at 9 p.m. They are looking for a lot of support from throughout the Valley!

International Mr. Leather 1992. Winner: Lenny Broberg (center), 2nd place: Erik Witmeyer (right), and 3rd place A.J. Steigenberger (left).

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Every event the Lesbian Community Project sponsors this year is of great importance, even this softball tournament. If the Oregon Citizens Alliance (OCA) wins its initiative drive this fall, this would be the last tournament! The OCA's initiative is designed to criminalize all Gay and Lesbian activity, even disallowing our use of "public facilities", our public parks! Every dollar that goes into this year's softball tournament will find its way back into the fight against the OCA. Your participation means more than ever!

For further information, contact Barb Eichberger at 503-281-7340 and leave a message.▼

Sacramento AIDS Walk

Congratulations to all involved in making Sacramento's AIDS Walk 92, held June 14th, such a wonderful success! $124,000 was raised to benefit five local AIDS service groups.▼

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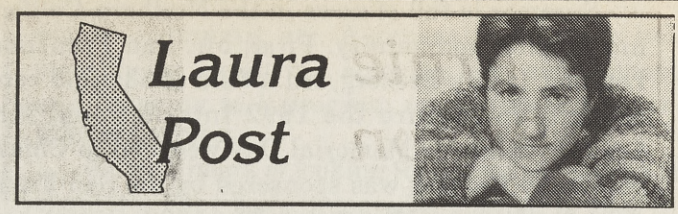

Muse News

The 18th National Women's Music Festival happened this May 28 – 31. There were workshops, crafts, dances, the Bloomingmoon after-hours performance cafe, adult and children's theater, open mic, networking, mini-conferences, and a spirituality ritual, but the heart of NWMF, the biggest draw, remains the stage shows. Thursday night, the Association of Women's Music and Culture (AWMAC) – which had returned to NWMF after a 3-conference hiatus – produced a sampler concert. Hosted by the funny, funky Washington Sisters, highlights were (1) Susan Herrick (music therapist with the 2 1/2 octave voice enveloping her silky tunes of personal change and healing/Truth and the Lie), who stopped the show with a moving, impromptu sung tribute to Karen Thompson and Sharon Kowalski, who were in attendance and (2) Lynn Thomas, with her "Yikes, I'm a Dyke" crowd-pleaser refrain. Also performing were Carole and Bren, Tracy Drach, Marla BB, Akia Woods, and Mimi Baczewska.

On Friday, there was an afternoon showcase and evening mainstage concert. At the former, Seraiah Carol was a hit with her lesbionic revision of Whitney Houston's [He] She fills me up" and her earthy rendition of The Jacksons' "I Want you Back," replete with dyke moonwalk. Laura Berkson wowed with her purity of voice and song.

Barbara Ann Humphrey, played some raspy-voiced R&B. That evening, Marilyn Pittman did her controversial gay humor; Nurudafina Pili Abena and friends blessed us with some fine African and Caribbean drumming, and Margie Adam gave some of the sincere 24 new songs that spilled from her recently broken and mended heart.

Saturday night's show was hot, with rich-voiced, serious Melanie de More performing "Down by the Riverside" to remember the recent Rodney King riots, a gentle "Love and Affection" (not everyone gets to cover Joan Armatrading's tunes). Dianne Davidson (with Leigh Maples on bass) was her energized, irreverent self.

On Sunday, the 5 Urban Bush Women amazed in their interpretive playground/rap/field holler medleys of fear, defiance, and survival. Lucie Blue Tremblay did her usual engaging set of love songs

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Ernie Brown

Views From River City

Doing easily what others find difficult is talent; doing what is impossible for talent is genius. Looking back on June we find a great deal of talent and genius in our community. Starting out with PAARC's rendition of Bob Fosse's "CHICAGO"! I had never witnessed a performance of "CHICAGO" before, so I had nothing to judge it by, but I was thoroughly entertained! The singers and dancers did a wonderful job. My hat's off to the director for keeping the show moving. Towe's Ford Museum was the perfect setting for the musical. To the entire cast, take another bow; you deserve it.

Diamond Dust, written by our one and only Dexter Smith, is still playing to a packed house at the I.D.E.A. Gallery, 3414 Fourth Avenue. I haven't had a chance yet to review this musical comedy, but word has it that it's a winner! Congratulations, Dexter!

The HOPE HOUSE did it again, too! They presented the artist fashion show, "Carhops Lost In Time, Great Moments in Art" at the fabulous Crest Theater. It was a sci-fi spoof of fashion and art, dressed in Rock'n'Roll - a truly fun-filled evening!

LaKish's auction held at the Merc for the Fairy Godfathers was very successful, raising over $750.00. The Western Finally Goes Western show was cute and fun, raising over $160.00. The Linda Snook performance at the TownHouse (upstairs) was the best ever! That lady can sing!

Over $3,100 was raised at a raffle/live band show at the Wreck Room on June 6th. Kudos to Jim, Rick, and the crew there for a great event! This was a benefit for Hope House, and featured Randy Gray, Emperor Paul, and Lenny Broberg (the new International Mr. Leather) as guest Emcees. And on June 14th Sacramento turned out for AIDSWalk '92, which raised over $120,000!! Outstanding!

But June's highlight was the Lambda Freedom Fair. What an enjoyable day! One hundred and eighty businesses participated. Easily 15,000 people showed up! Met a lot of old friends. Made some new ones. The whole feeling of the day was good. Everyone behaved admirably. Ah, to eat is human; to digest, divine - the fair had some great food, too!

Yes, June had its moments - now let's see what's

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Pat Califia

The Adviser

Q I've been single for over a year and finally met a woman who is good-looking, a great dancer, fantastic in bed, and sweet to me. After being lonely for so long, it feels wonderful to be in love and spend time with somebody who wants me. Just getting to know each other is so much fun.

Before I met my new girlfriend, I complained a lot to my friends. Some of them introduced me to other single dykes, but nothing really clicked. I thought they would be really happy for me now, but they all seem to hate my new lover. One friend told me straight out that my new lover is all wrong for me. Another friend has picked a fight with me for not returning a CD she loaned me a month ago. She says that since I started seeing this woman, I've become irresponsible.

This relationship might turn out to be permanent. I would like to get some support from my friends for building a happy life with my sweetheart. What's wrong with them?

A One of the problems with being gay is that we draw our lovers from the same pool of people where we find our friends. So the boundary between friends and lovers is weak, at best. Some of your friends may have cherished a secret crush on you, and they're pissed because it's not going to be reciprocated anytime soon. They may also simply be jealous because you're having so much fun. We don't have any well-established traditions for recognizing new couples, and in the absence of formal etiquette, people often behave badly. This lack of support or even overt hostility is one reason why many couples simply retreat from the public gay scene. Maybe we need to start having significant-other showers.

On the other hand, it can be frustrating to try to maintain a friendship with somebody who has a new infatuation. Your friends are used to getting attention from you. You have abandoned them for your new flame, and their feelings are probably hurt. As time passes and you become a little less absorbed with this passion, you may be able to reconnect with some of your old pals. Minimize the damage by returning their phone calls. Don't break dates with them, and let them know you still love

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in store for July! Afrocentric Weekend takes place July 17, 18, 19 at the TownHouse, Faces, and Joseph's Town and Country. Check at the bars for events and times.

CGNIE presents "La Cage on Ice," a fund-raiser for children with AIDS, July 25th at Iceland on Del Paso Blvd. There will shows at 4 and 8 p.m.. Tickets are $10 for general admission and $20 for reserved seating. Tickets are available now at Faces and at Iceland. "La Cage" is produced by John Johnson and stars J.P. Licari.

NOW LISTEN UP! Ernie Brown and LaKish present Sacramento's First Annual Black and White Ball, Sunday, July 19th, at Joseph s T&C. Cocktails at 6 p.m., Dinner at 7 p.m., and Show at 8 p.m. It's going to be BIG! Get those suits and cocktail gowns out of the closets. All proceeds go to the Fairy God-Father's Fund.

Another biggy - the Wedding of the year! David and Frank Holt, Sunday, July 12th, 1 p.m. at Joseph's. Celebration of Life for 15 years! Everyone is invited.

Every Sunday afternoon at 21st and C Streets, starting at noon, you will find softball on the menu. Come out and support your team! We are celebrating twenty years of gay softball *(Editor's note: in our Memories section, Ernie's column from 1983 highlights gay softball in Sacto)*.

Little note to John C. – "This is the best day the world has ever seen, Tomorrow will be better." For Bob J. – The first thing a kindness deserves is acceptance. The second, transmission. And Bobbette (Merc) – Do I hear wedding bells??? I hope all of my readers have a good summer, and I leave you with this thought "Nothing is so strong as gentleness; nothing so gentle as real strength."

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and personally political tunes (NB – new album Transformations forthcoming in the fall). Cris Williamson (with Tret Fure on delicate electric guitar and harmony vocals) ended the festival with a too short set of classics ("Wild Thing," "Song of the Soul," "Waterfall," "I am Your Sister) plus one of Tret's winners, "That Side of the Moon."

Home, now, then perhaps off to Paris for the 1992 Annual World Conference of the International Lesbian and Gay Association, from July 12 – 18: GPL, 45 rue Rebeval, Paris, France, 75019. Or, Africa with Robin Tyler: (818) 893-4075. Also in July, the National Guitar Summer Workshop, the 12 – 16, featuring June Millington and Mimi Fox; (800) 234-NGSW. Finally, highly recommended is the Pacific Northwest Women's Music and Cultural Jamboree in Bellingham, Washington, between July 3 and 5; (310) 439-8695.

As always send your news to Lady Phoenix Production, P.O. Box 207, Alameda, CA 94501.

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them and will talk as soon as you can get out of bed.

Q Are there any long term adverse effects of anal intercourse? My partner is of average size, and once or twice a week, he really goes to town on me. I am fearful of losing my muscle tone later in life and becoming incontinent or maybe developing prostate problems.

A Traumatic anal intercourse can sometimes cause bleeding or aggravate hemorrhoids. But if you use plenty of lubricant, take enough time to relax your sphincter muscles, and have healthy rectal tissues, anal sex is not damaging. In fact, the opposite is true. Frequent exercise builds muscle tone in this area, and regular orgasms are good for the prostate gland. The older men get, the more important it is for them to remain sexually active, because decreasing sexual activity can cause a loss of potency. So you can go to town whenever you like.

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Editor's Note: Ira and Tina's visit to Gay Milwaukee will resume in our August issue!

Justin

LeatherSpace

I know in last month's column I said that we would move on to other fun things to do with each other in leather, but something caught my attention last week that I feel needs to be addressed. As I was looking around in one of my favorite toy stores I noticed that they had a new form of those little brown bottles known as "Poppers" on the shelf. As many of you know, poppers were banned by the government because they were considered a health risk and were thought by some to contribute to the risk of damage to the immune system. They were originally sold over the counter as "room odorizers" and were made mostly from a chemical called Isopropyl Nitrite. The earlier versions of poppers were made from Amyl Nitrates. The Amyl Nitrate type of poppers were very popular throughout the 70's and 80's in the gay scene. You could see them in use everywhere, on the dance floor and in the bedroom. Before I go on, let me qualify my comments by saying that I used poppers a lot, for years. I also sold them through mail order for awhile, and I knew several of the chemists who ran the large companies that distributed them nationwide. So while this is just my opinion, it is an informed one.

When the government first tried to ban poppers, they listed only the Amyl Nitrate chemicals, so in a short time the distribution companies simply changed the chemicals to Isopropyl Nitrite and went on with the sales. In effect what they did was to go from bad to worse. Isopropyl Nitrite is a by-product from petroleum production, and, as popper labels warned, can be fatal if swallowed. This is what all of us who would never dream of sniffing gas or glue used to enhance our sexual pleasure. It took some time, but now the popper industry has once again come up with a new chemical mix for us to kill off a few more of our brain cells with. Under new packaging and label, the current style poppers are being sold as a "video head cleaner" and use yet another off-shoot of the petroleum nitrites called Dihexopropyl Nitrite, along with a couple of solvent solutions that really will clean your video head and your thinking head as well.

I have often said that leather sex must be done with a bit of care and even caution, in order for all involved to have the best time possible. Many times in the past when I used poppers on a bottom, it would cause them to have a bad reaction. Sometimes they would get dizzy or even pass out, and sometimes they would even throw up. This is why I stopped using them. To me, once I learned that you could have a good time without drugs, booze, and poppers, sex got even better. I know that certain drugs, or a little booze, can make the whole thing more fun. But so can a little imagination. And imagination will not create some of the problems that the others can. I'm really not trying to be preachy about this subject; as I said, I've done enough of it myself. All I want to say is that we are all hopefully adult enough and health conscious enough to see a bad deal when it comes along to tempt us. I want us all to enjoy our sex and our lives to the fullest. And those that think leather and drugs and poppers walk arm in arm together, are dead wrong. Unfortunately all too often the key word here is "dead".

Next month we will return to our regular programming of fun in leather; for now though, help me in wishing *PATLAR* a happy 10th birthday.

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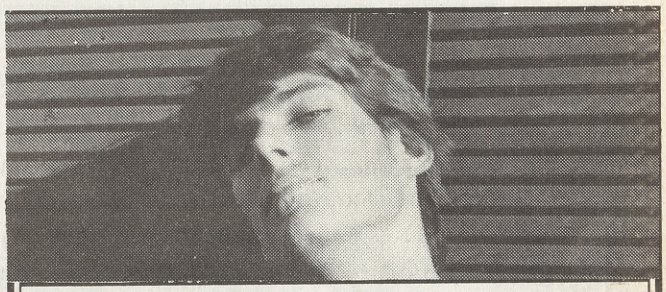

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Review– Turtle Creek Chorale

"When We No Longer Touch"

Okay, I confess: I started judging this music by its cover. Before I heard a single note I was convinced The Turtle Creek Chorale had tried to do too much with too much.

Proclaims the cover:

When We No Longer Touch, composer Kristopher Jon Anthony, using poetry by Peter McWilliams, from *How to Survive the Loss of a Love*, which McWilliams based on Elizabet Kübler Ross' five-stage grief process, followed by The Tesoro String Quartet performing *Traces of My Self*, by the same composer, based on a different work by the same poet....

Oh, great. Looks as though TCC has elevated (lowered?) Kübler Ross grieving to a religious experience, complete with harp, Latin, and ... Oh ... Missed that. The poet also went beyond "Acceptance," to finish the song cycle with "Hope: I Have Loved."

Hope .... Could there be a speck of light within the dark cloud I expect? Oh, okay, okay, I'll listen.

What I expected to be comparable to mixing all colors of pigment and the consequent gloomy black, unfolded as the musical mix of all colors of light into (almost) pure white.

Craig Gregory begins the circle with a heart-on-his-sleeve, wanna-hug-him solo in "Prologue." The orchestration magnifies the simplicity of his words, the chorus responds "Requiem æternam dona eis." The soloist returns, lost and alone, with questions which, if left unanswered, will prevent eternal rest for both deceased and survivors.

The appeal of this work rests on its unyielding focus on a *singular* emotional journey along the Kübler Ross path. The listener is not tasked with facing Death and Grief as diluted universals from which to remain a safe, unfeeling distance. Rather, you know one Someone Loved has died, and the very personal grievings unfold through a variety of individual voices: the soloists, double chorus, and orchestra each shout, weep, pray, accept, and ... hope.

And the voices? Under the direction of Dr. Timothy Seelig, the 190 voice unison passages are remarkable for their precision and passion, with especially lush and clear lower registers. Two splattered swoop'n'scoop entrances hang out uncorrected in *a cappella* phrases, and the soprano soloist, Nancy Keith, strives so hard to achieve a Goddess-Mother-Mezzo timbre that her diction is often lost. These are minor distractions, disappointing because of the contrast higher standards established by the remaining 98% or so of the recording.

The orchestra deserves much more credit than the obscure acknowledgment in the director's note, especially a flautist who more than once triples the emotional outpouring of the poetry. The dramatic understatement of the woodwinds effectively balances a composition weighted toward the strings.

One of the most engaging choral "battles for

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Your face is bruised, your eyes are black and blue.
I hope to God that we can see the light
before you shut your eyes for ever tonight.

Its your fault. you shouldn't walk that way.
And while you ~e raped we turn our eyes away.
You know you'd better not say a thing —
Stifle the cry of your suffering.

Sister, you'd better lock your door tonight
or you just might lose your life.
You're not safe even in your own home
He says he loves you but he breaks your bones.

We say it all is such a terrible shame,
but still we find it hard to make a change.
I say we've sanctioned the killing of women.
its too easily forgotten, too quickly forgiven.

And now it's time to break the silence
challenge what we've been taught.
Sister, your bruises shall not be forgotten
your suffering won't be for naught.

—Scott P.

Lisa J. Slayton

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ACT 1 RESIGNED
The earth is round,
I suddenly learn with clarity...
The seasons follow one after the other,
the grass grows up, fish swim
and birds gotta fly and that's
the end of it.

ACT 2 LAMENT
Shattering reality thoughts,
meat being ripped from the bone...
taunting bursts of laughter from the brain
in still shots.
Pictures of two kids
sharing a bag of butter cookies
and a gallon of chocolate milk
after high school play practice,
giggling over pretty boys
and brown eyed girls.

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most beautiful" takes place between the , orchestra, and singers of "Acceptance: I Shall Miss Loving You." The listener wins. The listener learns that *A Cycle of Songs for Survival* is perfect, not pretentious, as the subtitle for this work.

And the reviewer has learned, yet again, what may be missed by stopping at cover judgments.

And the hope? Our poet says, "After all the tears and the pain and the sorrow comes the one thought that can make me internally smile again: I have loved."

Proceeds from this recording are donated to American Foundation for AIDS Research AmFAR), with a small portion distributed to local AIDS organizations in Dallas, TX. *When We No Longer Touch* is available on cassette or CD from Turtle Creek Chorale, PO Box 190806, Dallas, TX 75219-0806, telephone (214)526-3214.

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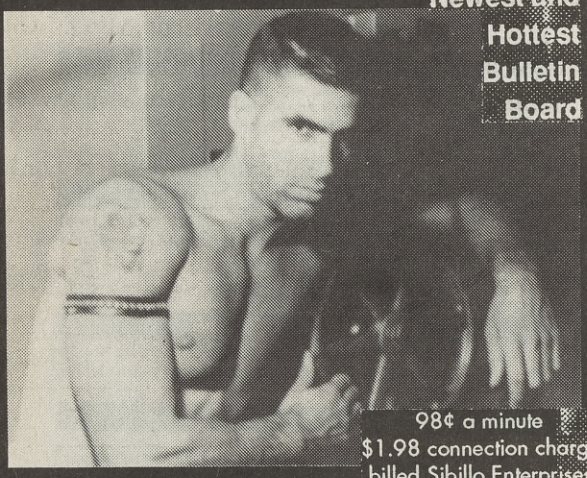
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Island (where a lighthouse
Once stood), the other nestled
Among the Lilliputian
Capitalists of fisherman's
Wharf.

He is the god of sunlight
And mists, templeless; both Zeus
And Demeter. The earth shakes
At his anger, and the terraced
Gardens sway, helpless, in his
winds.

No Mausoleum betrays
His accomplishment. His name,
Though, is often whispered amid
The raucous laughs of the Castro,
And in the imitative rhetoric
Of a few politicians. Dan
White,

in a sugary
Haze, tried to murder something
Eternal and immortal:
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At by the jagged skyline,
Or the relentless placidity
Of the crashing waves.▼

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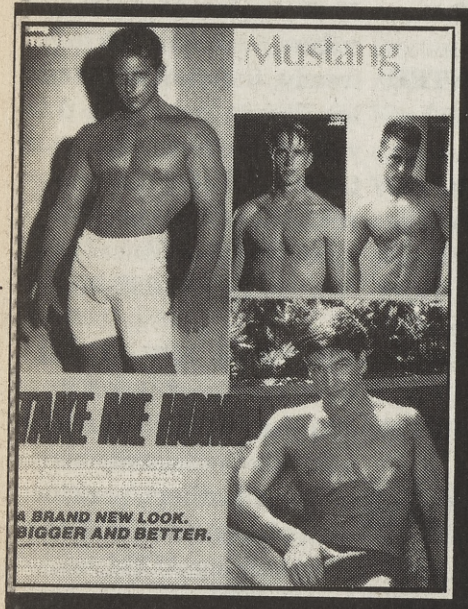

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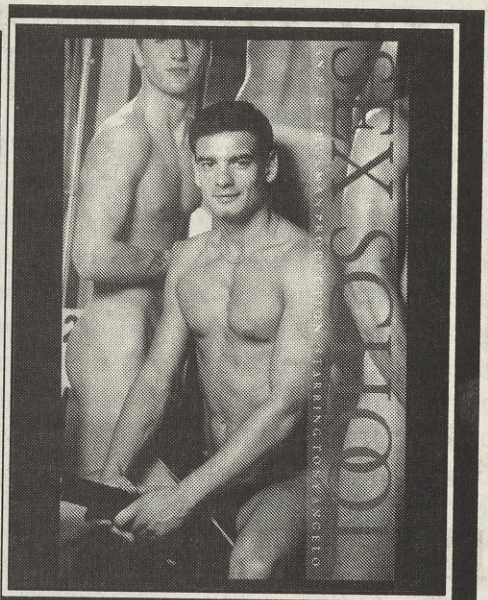

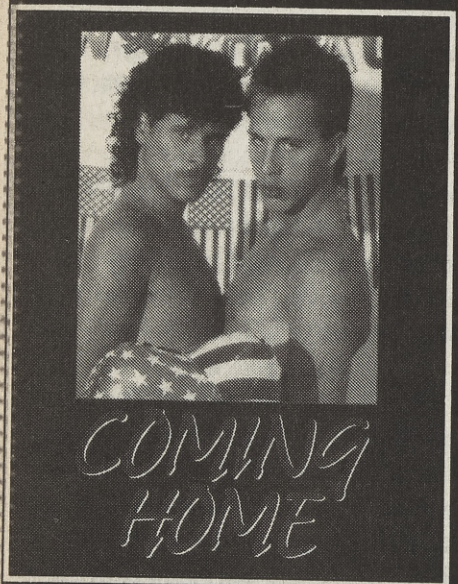

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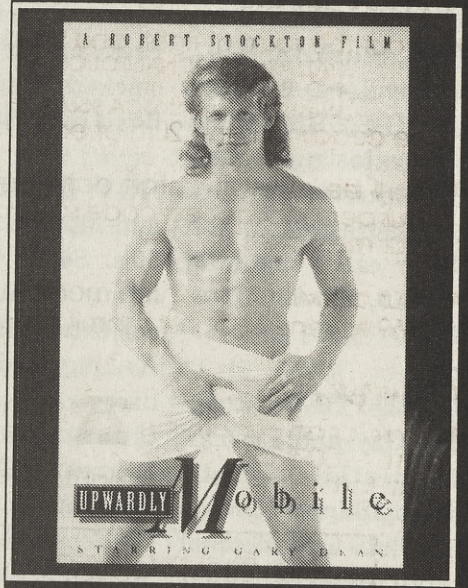

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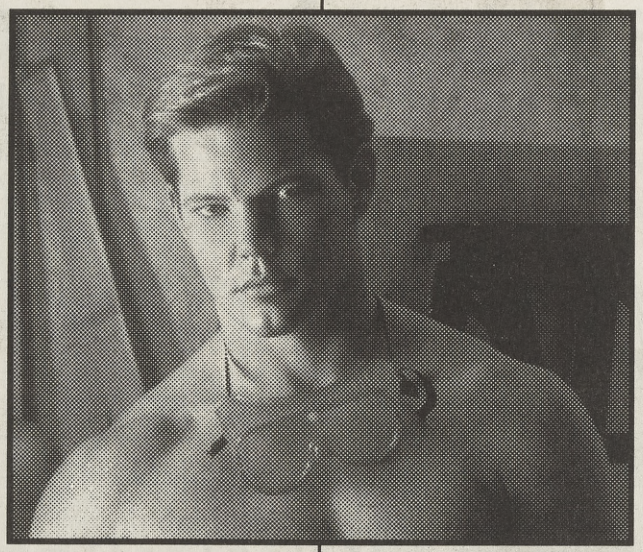

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SF Versatile, and aggressive, 24, 6'5", 215lbs. Defined body. Ext. 3746

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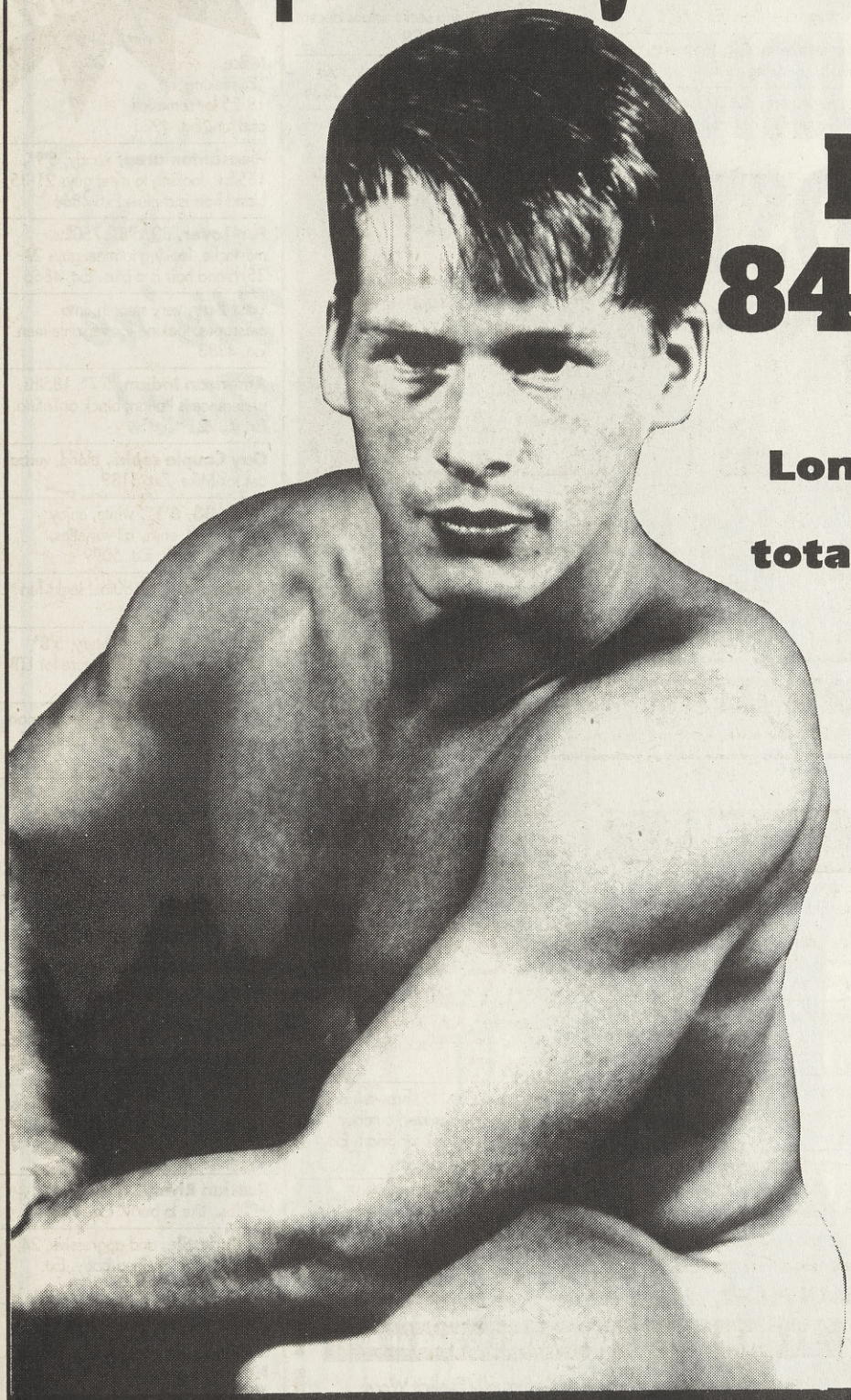

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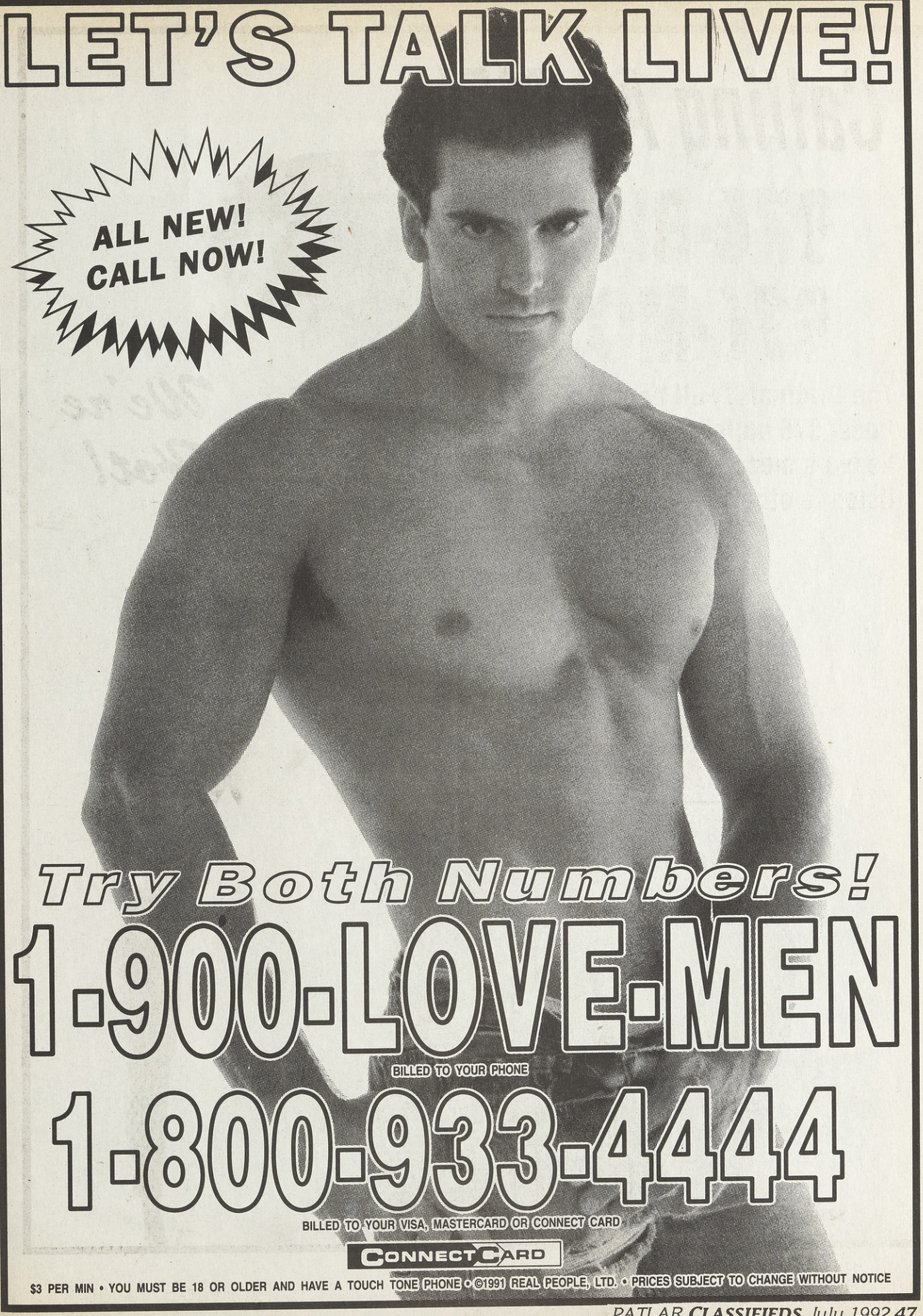

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